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*Washington, D.C.*- Today, Congressman Sires joined his colleagues in the House of Representatives in passing a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the federal government through October 31, 2009 by a vote of 217 to 190. This continuing resolution will ensure that all necessary and vital functions of the government may continue uninterrupted until Congress completes its work on the annual appropriations bills.

“We must ensure that the vital parts of the government can continue to function,” said Congressman Sires. “It is an extremely busy legislative season for Congress with such hugely important issues such as health care and unemployment taking center stage.”

The CR will keep the government running at fiscal year 2009 levels for 30 days. Additionally, it will provide an increase in funding for veterans health care and extend authorizations for a handful of expiring programs such as child nutrition and housing. This CR is attached to the conference report on H.R. 2918, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010, a non-controversial, bipartisan bill.

“The passage of this legislation will expedite the process of ensuring that the government is funded,” said Sires. “We need to have the capability to focus on issues that affect citizens across the United States.”

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